

Photography

Qualification: GCSE Photography

Exam Board: AQA

Level of Achievement: Grades 9-1

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What will I learn?

A variety of creative approaches to digital photography exploring colour and black and white imagery, portraiture, still life and abstract photography.

Technical aspects of the medium such as aperture, shutter speed, exposure, focus and depth of field will be explored, in addition to traditional aspects of image making such as composition, viewpoints and use of lighting. Creative use of digital technology will be developed to edit the images we have taken.

Whilst this is a creative subject it will also involve research into the work and techniques used by other photographers. The written element is integral to the subject and informs the creative practice that follows.

How will I be assessed?

Coursework projects will account for 60% of the final GCSE grade. The remaining 40% is an externally set project chosen from a list of themes supplied by the exam board. All these projects are assessed on your ability to:

- Explore starting points with appropriate techniques
- Use the work of other photographers to develop a theme
- Experiment with ideas and techniques to further develop the theme
- Produce a final personal response to the theme.

Future opportunities

GCSE Photography is an important skill towards many Key Stage 5 creative subjects related to Creative Media. It will suit students who may be considering any career related to Media, Journalism, Reporting, Photography and many more creative areas, as well as those who enjoy expressing themselves creatively.

